



LETTER of RECOGNITION

Exemplary Coverage of the Jesusita Fire KEYT – Channel 3

WHEREAS, the Jesusita Fire began on the afternoon of Tuesday May 5th, 2009, and was declared 100% contained on Friday, May 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Jesusita Fire burned 8,733 acres and a total of 160 structures were destroyed by the fire, as well as an additional 17 structures which were damaged; and

WHEREAS, KEYT provided comprehensive and detailed coverage of the Jesusita Fire during the entirety of the wildfire, especially when the fire took a turn for the worse; and

WHEREAS, the compelling and comprehensive coverage of the fire by the KEYT news team provided the Santa Barbara community with immediate information about evacuation warnings and orders, fire safety and urged citizens to work together with fire official's suggestions and orders; and

WHEREAS, by providing accurate and current information about the conditions of the Jesusita Fire, lives were saved and houses were spared; and

WHEREAS, the community of Santa Barbara wishes to express their appreciation for KEYT's exemplary coverage of the Jesusita Fire and thanks the entire team at Channel 3 for their diligent and hard work to keep evacuees and Santa Barbara citizens informed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby offer sincere gratitude and appreciation to the **KEYT – CHANNEL 3** news team for their exemplary coverage of the Jesusita Fire.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 30th day of June, 2009.

MARTY BLUM, MAYOR

